



# Joint Media Release



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## Stolen Vehicles Continue to Plague Our Community

**Penfield, NY (June 29, 2023)** On June 28, 2023, Monroe County Sheriff's deputies were assisting the Webster Police Department investigate a report of multiple cars being stolen on Empire Blvd. and Ridge Road.

At about 5:40 in the evening, a stolen vehicle was recovered on Empire Boulevard after being left by a group last seen in another vehicle traveling east on Ridge Road into Webster. A short time later, a green Kia Soul was reported stolen at the Old Navy Store. Immediately following that, a red Kia Soul was reported stolen from the BJ's parking lot. Several minutes later, it was also learned a gray Hyundai Elantra was stolen from the TJ Maxx parking lot.

A Webster Police sergeant observed the green Kia Soul driving west on Ridge Road and attempted to stop it near Empire Boulevard. The vehicle fled and the sergeant terminated pursuit. This vehicle was later recovered in the City of Rochester.

A deputy observed several suspect cars leaving the scene and began to follow them. A red Kia Soul left the roadway and crashed in the area of Lake Road and Bay Road. The juvenile female driver exited the car and tried to run away. Deputies apprehended her and discovered she was a 15-year-old Rochester missing person, with an outstanding juvenile delinquent warrant, and connections to other juvenile offenders. While deputies were investigating the crash, a stolen Hyundai raced through the scene, almost striking a deputy. As deputies tried to catch up to the vehicle, it hit a curb before striking an MCSO patrol vehicle. Deputies took the driver into custody and identified him as a 15-year-old male from Rochester. Medical personnel transported both juveniles to Rochester General Hospital for the complaint of pain, where they were treated and released. The crash caused a deputy to sustain minor injuries, which EMS evaluated at the scene.

MCSO arrested and charged the 15-year-old male with:

- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree (Class D-Felony)
- Attempted Assault in the Second Degree (Class E-Felony)
- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the Third Degree (Class A-Misdemeanor)

MCSO arrested and charged the 15-year-old female with:

- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree (Class D-Felony)
- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle in the Third Degree (Class A-Misdemeanor)

The juveniles were arraigned in Monroe County Family Court and remanded to the Monroe County Children's Detention Center.

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